

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	P055.jpg
Other Known Title:	Not Stated
Medium:	Computer Image File
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
Producer/Publisher:	Not Applicable
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Not Applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Distributor:	Not Applicable
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable
Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
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Date of direction to issue a label:	Not Applicable
OFLC No:	801651
Excisions:	Not Applicable
Reasons for excisions:	Not Applicable
Summary of reasons for classification:	The computer image file <i>P055.jpg</i> is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The file contains an image depicting the sexual abuse of a child. The purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children. The computer image file encourages this sexual interest and strengthens the idea that it is appropriate and acceptable for adults to become sexually aroused by children. The effect is to validate the use of children for adult sexual gratification and to encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes will be deemed objectionable. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society and is a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation on the freedom of expression.